

The Bullitschek Bulletin

A newsletter for the Bolejack, Bolerjack families, and all descendants of Joseph Ferdinand Bullitschek, a Moravian immigrant, born in 1729 in Bohemia, who came to America in 1754 and lived in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

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REUNION 2004 **June 24 - 26 in Cincinnati, OH**

Dear Bullitschek cousins,

Greetings from New Jersey!! We had a wonderful reunion in the northern KY/Cincinnati area. Thanks for all of the preparation goes to Barbara Smith. Even though the attendance was down, we made up for it in warm fellowship and great sightseeing.

We have a big apology to make to Barbara Jones. During the year we failed to acknowledge her as our vice-president in the Newsletter. Please accept our apology, Barbara. Also we want to sincerely thank Virginia Logan for serving faithfully as vice-president for two years.

We have enclosed a questionnaire concerning your preferences on reunions and your interest in a tour to our Joseph Bullitschek's places of importance in Europe. Tentative plans are to organize a tour for the summer of 2006. We hope you will take a few moments to complete the questionnaire, so we, as officers, will be better able to make future plans for our organization.

We hope you all will plan to attend our reunion next year in Branson, MO. It is always a favorite place among our family members. Please reserve June 23-26, 2005 on your calendars!!

What a privilege it was for my husband and me to attend the 250th anniversary of the Moravian Bethlehem Trombone Choir in America. My husband, Roger Blackburn, was asked to give a Master Class and perform two solos for the brass players. I was overwhelmed with the fact our ancestor, Joseph F. Bullitschek, came to Bethlehem in Nov., 1754--250 years ago and my husband was asked to be a guest artist for the 250th anniversary of the Trombone Choir. The sound of the trombone choirs from all over the world was awesome!!

I consider it a privilege to serve as your president for another year and am excited about several discoveries made in a recent trip to Herrnhut and Niesky!! I will share that information in the next newsletter.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Blackburn

2004 Reunion - 18 attended from 8 states

Juanita Baker, TX,
Marge Bolejack, OH
Francis & Virginia Bolerjack, OH
Barbara Frazier, NY
Dave & Carol Martin, OH
Barbara & Bud Smith, KY

Roger & Marilyn Blackburn, NJ
Martha Blackburn, OH
Gerald & Susan Bolerjack, OK
Bob & Maxine Jones, KY
Mark & Mary McDaniel, IN

Susan and I arrived in Cincinnati on Wednesday around noon, checked into the hotel and looked for a place to eat. One of the assistant managers suggested we go to the Hofbrauhaus down the street and have a

pretzel sandwich. We went and were greeted at the door with a man in a early German 19th century costume. The Hofbrauhaus is a world famous German beer garden. It's the first in the U.S. and only the third world wide. During the afternoon we rode the TANK, (Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky) bus system and toured Covington, Newport and Cincinnati.

Thursday morning we went to the \$210 million entertainment complex on the levy and went to the Newport aquarium, a \$40 million collection of 7,000 marine animals representing 600 species of marine life. We walked through a glass tunnel with fish swimming overhead and underneath while looking through a glass floor.

Thursday afternoon we rested until about 3 P.M. and went to the lobby to wait for everyone else to come in. We gathered and visited, got reacquainted, laughed a lot and decided as a group where to go eat. We ended up at the Buckhead Mountain Grill with elk chandeliers and had a wonderful meal. Later everyone went back to the hotel and went to the Hospitality Suite and had some of Cincinnati's famous Graeter's Ice cream, visited some more and discussed whether to hold the auction. Most everyone forgot to bring anything so we just visited.

Friday morning we had the complimentary breakfast, got on the bus that Barbara and Bud provided, and did a walking tour of the Mainstrasse village in Covington, a 19th century German village in renovated buildings. We also saw the World peace bell, 66,000 pound bronze bell built in France and is estimated to be worth about \$10 million. It took 90 days for the bronze to cool in the mold.

Next, everyone got back on the bus and we visited St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption a German church built in 1901. The church had 82 large stained glass windows; the largest was 24 feet wide and 67 feet tall, what a beautiful sight! Then on to The Mother of God Church. The decorations were done between 1890 and 1891. This was also built by the Germans.

The group lunch at Skyline Chili, a special kind of chili, which has been featured on the Food Channel. In the afternoon we toured downtown Cincinnati and stopped at the Music Hall and took an extensive tour. The Hall is on two and one-half acres and is considered to be one of the finest in the United States. It was dedicated in time for the May festival in 1878 and has been added to and renovated several times. The bus dropped the group off at the entertainment complex on the levy where we ate the evening meal. There are several eating establishments which all have outside eating areas facing the Ohio River.

Saturday morning we had breakfast at the hotel and went next door to the Hospitality Room and had our annual meeting. Noon meal was on our own. Saturday afternoon everyone decided to take a ride on the B & B River Lines large tourist boat. It was two stories enclosed with a deck on top and had a capacity of 400 people. The ride lasted an hour and focused on the 9 bridges that cross the river into Cincinnati and the central downtown area and along the scenic hillside views. We saw several barges traveling during our stay at the reunion. **EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME!**

Thank you Barbara, who never runs out of energy, and Bud, thank you for being patient and driving the bus, taking us everywhere. You both did a great job!

Ken Jones fell off a ladder while cutting limbs off a tree and fell. He broke all the ribs on his left side, clavicles in the back and a fracture of the pelvic. He was in ICU 4 days and 5 more days in a private room.

Send any items you wish to be included in the "Bullitschek Newsletter" to: geraldbjack@aol.com

DEATHS

Donnabell Bolejack on July 18, 2002 in Falls City, Nebraska. She is survived by her husband Duane F. Bolejack of Falls City, Kent and Linda Bolejack their adopted children. Duane and Donnabell were married 56 years. Submitted by Duane Bolejack phone 402-245-3234

Barbara Louise Jones Hundley born August 6, 1938 and died June 14, 2004 in Winchester, Kentucky. She is survived by her mother, Lissie Jones, two brothers, Bob and Eldon Jones and one sister, Virginia Logan all of whom have attended the Bullitschek reunion.
Submitted by Bob and Maxine Jones

BIRTHS

Steven Alexander was born on July 15, 2004, weighting 8 lbs and 6oz. Parents are Keli and Steve Alexander. Grandparents are Ken and Barbara Jones.

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NAME: _____
Use Bullitscheck descendant's name

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip** _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

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Make Check to: BULLITSCHECK FAMILY ASSOCIATION
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REUNION QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please Mail Questionnaire to: BULLITSHCEK BULLETIN
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- 1) Are you interested in attending a reunion in the future? Yes___ No___

- 2) What is the most important element in the reunion weekend?
 - a) historical information related to family
 - b) recreational activities
 - c) sightseeing
 - d) social time with family members
 - e) other_____

- 3) Would you be interested in having a family reunion on a 3 to 7 day cruise?
Yes___ No___

- 4) What is a determining factor in attending a reunion?
 - a) location
 - b) distance to travel
 - c) hotel
 - d) who will be attending
 - e) time preference
 - f) other_____

- 5) What can we do to draw younger families to our reunions?
 - a) have location with numerous activities for children
 - b) advertise plans for organized activities
 - c) other_____

- 6) Are you interested in receiving information about a possible family tour to Europe visiting Joseph Bullitschek's places of importance in the summer of 2006?
Yes___ No___

- 7) Would you rather receive the Bullitschek Bulletin by email? Yes___ No___
If your answer is yes then email Gerald Bolerjack at geraldjack@aol.com stating "I want to receive my Bulletin by email."

- 8) Do you want to continue to receive the Bullitschek Bulletin? Yes___ No___
If the answer is yes then the dues are \$8.00 per year July through June.

Additional Comments - Suggestions
